

ILS Products Committee Minutes for May 19, 2016

10:08 a.m. Chair Adam Van Sickle called meeting to order. In attendance were: Adam Van Sickle, Paul Pidde, Wendi Walton, Desiree Saunders, Brian Greene, Mary Jayne Jordan
Missing: Faith Johnson, Beth Hronek, Brenda Mahoney-Ayres, Marci Mock

Brian Greene determined we had a quorum with 4 of the 7 members present to make decisions. Although the minutes from the March 16th meeting were available they were not approved and so they will be approved at the June meeting as well as the minutes for this meeting.

Presentations from Paul and Desiree about their PLA vendor findings from LibraryThing and Novelist representatives.

Paul reported first on what he learned when he visited with the LibraryThing vendor at PLA earlier this year. Although he didn't have any figures for the cost of the product he said it did appear to be extremely flexible and would make a good addition. He described it as people being able to build list and comment of the books they have read and looking at what other people are reading with similar tastes. He reported that the personal version of LibraryThing can become almost social-media like in manner. Since Paul hasn't used Novelist much he didn't want to make a direct comparison between the two products. One drawback that he was with LibraryThing is that a person can only build a list of between 150-200 titles total. Paul also noted that LibraryThing has a free limited version. Adam commented that his staff likes the idea of adding reviews. Des pointed out that there are different versions of LibraryThing and that the library version is different and has more flexibility than LibraryThing for individuals in that it can be integrated into the catalog, read alikes, etc. She suggested that we make a list of questions for the vendor. Adam asked if reviews are curated before they are listed in the catalog? Is the bookshelf a curated list for oneself? What is LibraryThing's privacy policy? What is the cost of the product for a consortium? What would the contract look like? What are the differences between the private individual and the library purchased version? Is it searchable? Do libraries have the ability to vet or edit reviews before they go into the catalog? Des suggested we set up a product demo.

Des reported that NoveList Select has reviews which come from the following sources: professional, their staff, Good Reads, and lists read a likes. She thought the cost of the product was pretty reasonable at \$16,850.00 that is with our discount for our current subscription. Mary Jayne asked if the quote would stand when the EBSCO Omni files are removed from our subscription. Des said that a 3-5% increase between contracts is normal for nearly every vendor and that the quote would be honored. There was discussion about how the NoveList Select product would look in the catalog. Des explained that it could appear as a sidebar rather than in the accordion style as it is a matter of coding and customization in Enterprise. She said that many of us select the defaults which is the accordion detail in Enterprise. Des was kind enough to send us a link to both NoveList and LibraryThing for us to explore:

These sites may give you a better comparison and answer a few questions.

NoveList Select: <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist/our-products/novelist-select-features>

Discuss next steps for recommending one or both reader's advisory services to region libraries and/or the WYLD governing board

There was discussion about how we proceed to make a recommendation for purchase. Brian said that any recommendation this group makes goes before the Governing Board and would have to be asked in priority order if we were to ask for both reader's advisory services. There is a separate budget that WYLD has from which the purchase would come. Des explained currently there is a mix of state and federal funds (which changes from year to year) that provides many of our GoWyld services. [There is an economy of scale in the consortia, but libraries have the freedom to purchase additional services.]

Adam suggested that we ask for region libraries to provide their input. Des suggested that we conduct a trial in Enterprise. Wendi said that with summer reading programs about to launch into full swing that it might be better to wait. Mary Jayne made the recommendation that with school closing for the summer that we wait until fall to conduct a trial. Des asked if the committee wants to take the summer off but the committee asked for a report on Cosugi at the June meeting. Mary Jayne stated that she would be teaching summer school in the mornings in June and Adam said the committee will find a common time for the meeting using the Doodle scheduler.

Any suggestions on Cosugi Conference sessions that committee members would like Deiree, Marci or I to attend.

Fact map was a suggestion for the Cosugi attendees to find out more about. Adam said he could visit more with EBSCO to find out more about NovelList Select. Since Des sent the committee the links to explore on NovelList and LibraryThing members should take the opportunity to explore and see if more questions are raised or answered.

Meeting was adjourned a little after 11.

Respectfully Submitted by

Mary Jayne Jordan